IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE DIVISIONAL APPLICATION OF:

William J. Curatolo, et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/577,059

: EXAMINER: F. Choi

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: ART UNIT: 1616

FOR: Controlled-Release Dosage Forms of Azithromycin

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Final Action in this application, mailed on <u>February 6, 2007</u>, and having an original period for response of <u>three-months</u>, which expired on <u>May 6, 2007</u>, be extended by <u>three-month(s)</u>, such that it expires on <u>August 6, 2007</u>.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the amount of \$1,020.00 as stated under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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